

Appl. No. 10/766,917
In re Ramajois et al.
Reply to Final Office Action of Dec. 21, 2006

EXHIBIT A



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : RAMAJOIS ET AL.
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Docket No. : 08200.809

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1. I, Matthew F. Johnston, am a Registered Patent attorney with the Law Firm of Berenato, White & Stavish.

2. On April 18, 2007 I executed a Boolean search for the precise terms "substantially within" using the Boolean search string ACLM/"substantially within" located within the body of the claims of issued U.S. patents using the United States Post Office's web based search tools.

3. Based on the search I conducted as outlined in paragraph 3 above, 6021 (six thousand twenty one) patents were identified as containing the precise language "substantially within" within in the claims.

4. Attached hereto is the search results of the search I conducts as outlined in paragraph 3 including a partial listing of 50 of the 6021 patents identified.

5. On April 18, 2007 I executed a Boolean search for the

precise terms "substantially closing" using the Boolean search string ACLM/"substantially closing" located within the body of the claims of issued U.S. patents using the United States Post Office's web based search tools.

6. Based on the search I conducted as outlined in paragraph 3 above, 1081 (one thousand eight one) patents were identified as containing the precise language "substantially within" within in the claims.

7. Attached hereto are the search results of the search I conducted as outlined in paragraph 5 including a partial listing of 50 of the 1081 patents identified.

8. I declare that all statements made herein of my own first hand/personal knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

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1 7,205,871	T Circuit breaker intermediate latch
2 7,204,339	T Vehicle wheel end assembly with wheel adapter
3 7,204,144	T Micromachined apparatus with drive/sensing fingers in coupling levers
4 7,204,058	T Concrete arch and method of manufacture
5 7,203,401	T Multiple wavelength optical source
6 7,202,414	T Apparatus and method for manipulating a line such as a cable or cord
7 7,201,420	T Vehicle display screen
8 7,200,882	T Movable control panel for a patient support
9 7,200,005	T Method and apparatus for generating electricity using recycled air from a computer server
10 7,198,359	T Inkjet head and inkjet printer
11 7,196,751	T Display unit comprising one large and one small display and electronic apparatus
12 7,196,613	T System for multi-standard RFID tags
13 7,195,273	T Flexible housing for an airbag module
14 7,195,271	T Pinch-resistant hitch assembly and children's ride-on vehicle assemblies including the same
15 7,195,269	T Hitch
16 7,195,087	T Drive apparatus for vehicle
17 7,194,981	T Rawhide pet chew
18 7,194,837	T Firearm magazine grip
19 7,194,651	T Distributed link module architecture
20 7,192,337	T Method for cutting diamond
21 7,191,022	T Public addressing system
22 7,190,988	T Analyte monitoring device and methods of use

- 23 [7,189,447](#) **T** [Laminates](#)
- 24 [7,189,226](#) **T** [Coaxial illuminated laser endoscopic probe and active numerical aperture control](#)
- 25 [7,189,123](#) **T** [Lawn and garden battery clamp](#)
- 26 [7,188,940](#) **T** [Vent plug methods and apparatus](#)
- 27 [7,187,959](#) **T** [Antenna structure for devices with conductive chassis](#)
- 28 [7,185,988](#) **T** [Elevator assembly for a projection device](#)
- 29 [7,185,837](#) **T** [Spill-resistant material milling processor](#)
- 30 [7,185,671](#) **T** [Angled dual check valve](#)
- 31 [7,185,640](#) **T** [Integrated fuel tank and vapor containment system](#)
- 32 [7,185,569](#) **T** [Multipurpose folding tool with tool bit holder and blade lock](#)
- 33 [7,184,685](#) **T** [Image forming apparatus and process cartridge](#)
- 34 [7,183,948](#) **T** [Tangential force control in a touch location device](#)
- 35 [7,183,159](#) **T** [Method of forming an integrated circuit having nanocluster devices and non-nanocluster devices](#)
- 36 [7,182,595](#) **T** [Distal end cutter](#)
- 37 [7,182,566](#) **T** [Fastener having supplemental support and retention capabilities](#)
- 38 [7,182,380](#) **T** [Tailgate extender systems](#)
- 39 [7,180,528](#) **T** [Method and system for image templates](#)
- 40 [7,179,391](#) **T** [Apparatus and method for separating and concentrating fluids containing multiple components](#)
- 41 [7,178,887](#) **T** [Storage apparatus](#)
- 42 [7,178,877](#) **T** [Diaper changing restraint system](#)
- 43 [7,178,848](#) **T** [Utility rack arrangement for a vehicle](#)
- 44 [7,178,646](#) **T** [Master cylinder lever for a hydraulic disc brake having a backpack reservoir](#)
- 45 [7,178,250](#) **T** [Intersecting laser line generating device](#)
- 46 [7,178,216](#) **T** [Keyless chuck and associated method](#)
- 47 [7,177,391](#) **T** [Imaging inspection apparatus](#)
- 48 [7,175,380](#) **T** [Slewing ring boom mower](#)
- 49 [7,174,024](#) **T** [Flat acoustic conversion device](#)
- 50 [7,173,708](#) **T** [Method and apparatus for detecting damage in plant products](#)
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1 7,205,488	Receptacle box for an underfloor system
2 7,203,416	Ventilating and heating apparatus with heater shielded by tapered discharge duct
3 7,201,547	Opening actuator for collet chuck
4 7,194,991	Variable valve actuator
5 7,185,712	Fastening tool apparatus and method for operating the engine of fastening tool
6 7,171,794	Door
7 7,165,883	Temperature sensing device for metering fluids
8 7,155,952	Device and method for forming piping components
9 7,152,627	Control valve for a hydraulic power steering system
10 7,143,764	Inhalation device
11 7,140,154	Astragal boot for a double door set
12 7,138,271	Continuous composter
13 7,137,612	High recovery metering valve
14 7,128,475	Fiber optic connector
15 7,128,362	Stowage system for a retractable roof of a convertible vehicle
16 7,128,197	High volume conveyor sortation system
17 7,122,712	Surgical bandage and methods for treating open wounds
18 7,115,149	Cast separator tank
19 7,107,775	Cold control damper assembly
20 7,090,084	High density panel with rotating tray
21 7,086,759	Decorative lamp
22 7,086,366	Energy efficient fluid pump
23 RE39,187	Spurt minimizing dispensing structure
24 7,074,132	Golf putter having spaced weight member in a chamber

- 25 [7,069,946](#) [T](#) [Slow-release check valve](#)
- 26 [7,066,772](#) [T](#) [Plug connector](#)
- 27 [7,062,889](#) [T](#) [Door](#)
- 28 [7,051,618](#) [T](#) [Ultrasonic welded hinge damper](#)
- 29 [7,051,539](#) [T](#) [Convertible refrigerator-freezer](#)
- 30 [7,047,997](#) [T](#) [Fuel tank vent valve](#)
- 31 [7,001,448](#) [T](#) [System employing a vortex finder tube for separating a liquid component from a gas stream](#)
- 32 [6,996,940](#) [T](#) [Movable wall module](#)
- 33 [6,989,019](#) [T](#) [Method and device for filtering body fluid](#)
- 34 [6,987,394](#) [T](#) [Full-wave rectifier for capacitance measurements](#)
- 35 [6,981,688](#) [T](#) [Flow control device](#)
- 36 [6,981,525](#) [T](#) [Tubular insulating apparatus and method](#)
- 37 [6,978,778](#) [T](#) [Gas grate locating assembly for a ceramic-based cooktop](#)
- 38 [6,974,211](#) [T](#) [Filter for an ink jet pen](#)
- 39 [6,971,625](#) [T](#) [Pilot operated valve with variable piston orifice](#)
- 40 [6,962,132](#) [T](#) [Intake arrangement for an internal combustion engine](#)
- 41 [6,959,839](#) [T](#) [Flavoring component holding dispenser for use with consumable beverages](#)
- 42 [6,955,213](#) [T](#) [Exhaust gas heat exchanger](#)
- 43 [6,953,074](#) [T](#) [Antibandit shutter](#)
- 44 [6,942,510](#) [T](#) [Connector and a connector system](#)
- 45 [6,942,503](#) [T](#) [Electrical connector with grounded shutter member](#)
- 46 [6,935,648](#) [T](#) [Mobile self-recovery lift chair](#)
- 47 [6,925,735](#) [T](#) [Bumper, skid plate and attachment system for utility vehicle](#)
- 48 [6,923,307](#) [T](#) [High volume conveyor sortation system](#)
- 49 [6,918,141](#) [T](#) [Protective headgear system](#)
- 50 [6,913,271](#) [T](#) [Pet buggy](#)
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